

DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 6-24 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art does not teach or would not have rendered obvious: a method (Fig. 4) of controlling automatic gain control in a video decoder, such as claimed in claims 14-24, the method having the steps of: measuring (52a-52d) a first plurality of signal attributes of an input video signal (50); comparing (54a-54d) each of the signal attribute measurements to a corresponding target value for the signal attribute; selecting (56) one of the first plurality of signal attributes responsive to the comparing step; modifying (58) a first gain value according to the selected signal attribute measurement.

The closest prior art, Renner et al (US 6,219,107) disclosed a conventional system for controlling automatic gain control (AGC) in a video decoder, fails to anticipate or render obvious the present invention as claimed.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jean W. Désir whose telephone number is (571) 272 7344. The examiner can normally be reached on 5/4/9 - First Friday Off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David L. Ometz can be reached on (571) 272 7593. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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